(SRI B. VITHALDAS SHETTY)

(*b*) The opening of more Fair Price Shops would not have helped, as the issues of rice are limited by availabilities of stocks with Government, and in any case, this increase relates to the price of open market rice.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Within the overall limitations of availability of rice, releases to Fair Price Shops were increased.

Taluk Board High Schools

343. **Sri PRABHURAO JAGADALE** (Hulsoor).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken to appoint qualified Science Teachers, and to provide equipments and playgrounds for Taluk Board High Schools in Bidar District ;

(*b*) the steps taken for the appointment of trained Head Masters in the Taluk Board High Schools in Bidar District ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) and (*b*) It is the responsibility of the managements *i.e.*, Taluk Development Board to appoint qualified teachers and Head Masters and provide facilities such as playgrounds. Schools which do not satisfy the departmental rules will be closed.

Lift Irrigation in Buntwal Taluk

356. **Smt. K. LEELAVATHI RAI** (Buntawal).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the work of Lift Irrigation sanctioned in Buntawal Taluk since many years has been completed ;

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Sri A. J. DODDAMETI (Minister of State for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*).